

His First Inaugural, His Memorable Journey to the Ohio, His Death  
and His Ancestry.

At King's bridge etc was met by mounted soldiers and members of Congress, guns fired all along the route as he was escorted to the house of the Hon. John Jay, whose guest he was to be. This house, No. 63 Broadway, near the corner of Exchange Place, was afterward the residence of Aaron Burr when he killed Alexander Hamilton. It finally passed into the hands of John Jacob Astor. There is an anecdote always told when we speak of the inaugural ceremonies of Adams. John Randolph and his

cries before and shed tears of joy and congratulations." "The decorations of the ships, the loud acclamations of the people which rent the skies as I walked along the streets," said Washington that night in his diary, "filled my mind with sensations as peaceful (considering the reverse of this scene, which may be the case after all my efforts to do good) as they are pleasing."

Once arrived in town, the inaugural ceremonies might well, it would seem, have begun. But people were not so hurried in those days, and there was much that had to be done.

There were seven openings to the basement on Wall street. The four heavy Tuscan columns in the center extended to

concluded the inauguration ceremony, proceeded on foot to St. Paul's Church, where services were conducted by the Chaplain of the Senate, Rt. Rev. Dr. Samuel Provost, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in New York. After the religious services were concluded Washington entered the state coach and was escorted to his residence. That night there was a brilliant display of fireworks, private houses were illuminated, as were also the ships in the harbor, from whose decks rockets and other fireworks were also set off.

AN AUGUST SCENE.

"The oath was to be administered by the Chancellor of the State of New York in a balcony in front of the Senate chamber, and in full view of an immense multitude occupying the street, the windows, and even roofs of the adjacent houses. The balcony formed a kind of open recess, with lofty columns supporting the roof. In the center was a table with a covering of crimson velvet cushion. This was all the paraphernalia for the august scene.

Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency. And the important revolution just accomplished in the system of their united government, the tranquil deliberations and voluntary consent of so many distinct communities, from which the event has resulted, cannot be compared with the means by which most governments have been established, without some return of pious gratitude, along with the humblest acknowledgments of our own unworthiness.

"Washington had a large, thick nose, and it was very red that day, giving me the impression that he was not so moderate in the use of liquors as he was supposed to be. I found afterward that this was a peculiarity. His nose was apt to turn scarlet in a cold wind. He was standing near a small camp fire, evidently lost in thought, and making no effort to keep warm. He seemed surprised by the observation of my subordinate."

